

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, MT, LY

SUBJECT: TEXACO'S OFFSHORE MALTA OPERATIONS

1. LOCAL TEXACO OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF ON APRIL 24 THAT ASSURANCES OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM GOM HAVE CONVINCED TEXACO THAT IT MAY SAFELY BEGIN DRILLING OPERATIONS IN ITS OFFSHORE MALTA CONCESSION WITHOUT FEAR OF INTERFERENCE FROM LIBYAN AUTHORITIES. SAID ASSURANCES DID NOT RPT NOT EXTEND TO POINT OF SUGGESTING THAT A FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE MEDIAN LINE DISPUTE IS IMMINENT.

2. TEXACO DECISION TO PROCEED WITH POSITIONING OF A DRILLING RIG OFFSHORE PORTUGAL MAY BE MADE BY APRIL 28. SHOULD THE PORTUGUESE PROJECT BE ABANDONED, THE RIG MAY BE BROUGHT TO MALTA, IN WHICH INSTANCE DRILLING IN THE DISPUTED WATERS BETWEEN MALTA AND LIBYA COULD BEGIN AS EARLY AS NEXT MONTH. SMITH

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